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Just a curious point,

If a licence is needed to move an amateur transceiver without
operating it, what about the aircrew who shipped it in from the land
where all these things are made? how did it pass customs? what about the
delivery driver ? the postman? a Tandy/RS shop where no-one has a
licence ?

There is some fine fuel there for navel-gazing style rule
interpretation discussions !

Who ? Me? stirring? never :-)

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Greetings!

I've been sort of "in on" this whole issue of blind VE's in charge of testing sessions since the Newsline report and Buddy, KB5ELV's original article. I've seen the responses to this, and I've read what Mike Freeman has written in the defense of blind VE's. Now it's my turn.

First, let me get the groundwork out of the way. I am blind myself. I have limited vision, which is quite useable. This does not however make me partially sighted, physically challenged or occularly deprived. I'm blind. It is a characteristic of mine, the same as my mustache and my height. And I'll blow away a few myths from the start here. I'm working in a field which would seem to appear impossible for me to manage, but I've been doing it successfully for the past two and a half years. As an Audio/video Technician for the University of Texas at Austin, I must go all over our rather large campus and operate several different (and agina) audio/video systems. I do my job through alternative techniques that I have developed over the years. When I was hired, my boss didn't waste a lot of time asking me how I would get the job done. He simply made it clear that if I didn't measure up I was out the door. Such should be the same for *ANY* VE.

Second, with all due respect to the man with a blind brother who wrote a previous article, I have this to say. I rather doubt that he would have gotten away with the things that he did if his brother had had a live reader on hand at the time. Live readers have been used successfully by blind professional people for decades now, and their use has proven over time to be helpful for more than just reading. One of their duties might be to look for cheaters during the testing sessions, along with the VE's present.

The entire crux of the argument that has been presented by the FCC and supported by such individuals as the one that I've mentioned and Tony AB6GA, is that blind VE's are incapable of being in charge of testing sessions because

they would be incapable of detecting cheating. This whole argument crumbles however, in the light of the fact that blind VE's can make use of live readers and alternative technologies to get the job done. This isn't hokus-pokus. Just good, common sense.

And lastly I'd like to thank Warren Whitby and Kevin Parcell N7WIN/G8UDP for their supportive words. They are joined by a great number of amateurs who have already joined their blind neighbors in the hobby in protest of the FCC's discriminatory action. People like these have viewed this situation with sensibility and good-old horse sense, rather than through the distorting lens of outdated prejudices concerning "the helpless blind man." I'm proud to know that the hobby includes such people of true vision.

Just one more thing. As for the person who wrote that blind VE's in charge of testing sessions would be impractical until the invention of the "Geordi visor," I'd suggest that you fit the first one for yourself.

As an addendum to this article, too things. First, the FCC didn't say a thing about "seeing." They mentioned "observing," which the blind are well capable of doing. This isn't uninformed personal opinion but proven fact. I'd say that certain members in the radio club in question and their supporters have the personal problem, and not the blind person in question.

Secondand lastly is something that I think all who read this should take notice of. Today it is blind VE's who bare the brunt of discriminatory FCC policy. Who might it be tomorrow?You, perhaps? Think about it. And just remember that minority populations in this country are changing. Who will be the minority tomorrow?You, perhaps? Who will determine policy then? Who will support that policy? And who will be degraded and discriminated against by that policy?You, perhaps?

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